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PEACE TALKS

NOTING BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIN SESSIONS, REASONER DESCRIBED PUBLIC TALKS AS PROVIDING FORUM FOR EACH SIDE TO ACCUSE THE OTHER W/BAD FAITH IN NEGOTIATIONS. ABC'S CIOFFI SAID PUBLIC STATEMENTS GAVE NO CLEAR INDICATION OF HOW SECRET TALKS WERE GOING, SO WHETHER PEACE SEEMS CLOSER OR FURTHER AWAY DEPENDS UPON WHETHER ONE IS AN OPTIMIST OR PESSIMIST. SVN ADMITTED TALKS ARE IN "DECISIVE" PHASE, SAID CIOFFI, BUT INSISTS HE WON'T ACCEPT SETTLEMENT TIL TOTAL NVA W/DRAWAL IS INCLUDED. NVN CLAIMS THAT ISN'T PART OF ORIGINAL AGREEMENT W/US AND CHANGE COULD BRING A STALEMATE. FOLLOWING NOTE US PUBLIC TALK REPS SAID GREAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE AND THAT US REGRETTED NVN ACCUSATIONS US WAS FOOTDRAGGING, US SPOKESMAN ISHAM, ON FILM, SAID CHARGES ARE UNFOUNDED AND THAT US TOLD NVN REPS SO. CIOFFI NOTED MOST PESSIMISTIC COMMENTS CAME FROM MME. BINH, WHO BEST SUMMED UP RESULTS OF PUBLIC SESSION, BY SAYING TODAY WOULD NOT BE THE END OF CONFLICT IN VN.

HOWEVER CORDIAL PRIVATE TALKS WERE, SAID NBC'S KAPLAN, PUBLIC ONES WERE LESS ENCOURAGING W/NVN KNOCKING DOWN RUMORS OF IMMINENT CEASE-FIRE AND BINH ACCUSING US OF PROLONGING NEGOTIATIONS. NOTING SVN'S VY WAS "EVEN HARSHER" IN WARNING NEGOTIATIONS COULD DEADLOCK, KAPLAN SAID DESPITE OBSTACLES AND TOUGH LANGUAGE US PREDICTIONS WEREN'T ALTERED, W/ISHAM, ON FILM, SAYING PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE. (ALSO ON CBS.) KAPLAN SAID US REMAINED CONFIDENT AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED RELATIVELY SOON.

CRONKITE SAID THERE WERE PEACE TALKS ON TOP OF PEACE TALKS, LEADING INTO FILM REPORT BY CBS' FENTON WHO SAID FOR THE 1ST "KNOWN" TIME IN 4 1/2 YEARS, 2 SETS OF TALKS WERE HELD ON THE SAME DAY. THE PRACTICALLY SUPERCEDED PUBLIC TALKS WERE XLOW-KEYED AND BRIEF, HE SAID. ...OVER FILM OF HAK W/SCHUMANN, KALISCHER NOTED MEETING, ADDING HAK LEFT FOR DRIVE TO SECRET TALKS AFTERWARDS. SINCE THE SETTLEMENT WAS APPARENTLY IN SIGHT, NEWSMEN WAITED FOR A DRAMATIC SIGN, KALISCHER SAID, BUT NONE CAME. AND WHEN US DELEGATION TOOK A WALK IN THE YARD, THO DIDN'T JOIN THEM.

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NBC'S D(... SAID SCHUMANN OFTEN
HAS COMMENT FOR PRESS AFTER REGULAR HAF BRIEFINGS, BUT HAD
NONE THIS TIME. NOTING HAK WALKED IN GARDENS BUT THO DIDN'T,
DOBYNS ALSO SAID THERE ZAS NO COMMENT ABOUT SUBSTANCE OF TALKS.
THE WH SAID SESSIONS ARE LASTING A LITTLE LONGER THAN ANTICIPATED
BUT FEELING IS THEY ARE CORDIAL AND PROGRESS IS BEING MADE,
W/AGREEMENT NOT FAR AWAY.

ABC'S ROLFSON, OVER FILM OF HAK DEPARTING SCHUMANN LUNCH,
NOTED HAK BRIEFS SCHUMANN PERIODICALLY AS FRENCH ARE TALK
HOSTS AND WILL BE PART OF PEACE CONFERENCE AFTER SETTLEMENT.
ROLFSON NOTED HAK TOOK SEVERAL WALKS IN GARDEN (OVER FILM)
DURING SESSION, BUT AS USUAL THE FEW WHO KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING
WEREN'T TALKING, W/ONLY CLUE COMING FROM PUBLIC MEETING WHICH
MADE IT CLEAR THERE ARE STILL SERIOUS PROBLEMS. DESPITE US
OPTIMISM, NVN WARNED OF DEADLOCK, AND WHILE US SAID TALKS WERE
IN FINAL STAGE, NVN CAUTIONED THERE COULD STILL BE DISAPPOINTMENTS
AND SETBACKS. NOTING HAK-THO HANDSHAKE ON DEPARTING SESSION,
ROLFSON SAID THE SHAKE MAY BE ROUTINE PRIVATELY IT'S ONLY
2ND DAY OF PUBLIC SHAKE, WHICH IF NOTHING MORE MEANS HAK-THO ARE
SIGNALING FAVORABLE MOOD FOR FRI. SESSION.

ABC'S KOPPEL SAID GVN SOURCES IN WASH. PRIVATELY EXPRESS
GRATITUDE THAT IS SIMILAR TO WHAT ANNE BOLEYN MUST HAVE FELT WHEN
HENRY ORDERED HER BEHEADED RATHER THAN BURNED AT STAKE --APPRECIATION
OF STYLE IF NOT END RESULT. NOTING IT'S NO LONGER QUESTIONED THAT
US WILL SIGN AGREEMENT, KOPPEL SAID QUESTION IS IF THIEU WILL
LEGITIMIZE IT BY SIGNING. AN ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE FOR THIEU TO
STEH DOWN IN FAVOR OF SOMEONE WHO WOULD SIGN AGREEMENT, BUT GVN
OFFICIALS SAY THAT WOULD BE POPULAR IN WASH. AS THIEU IS ALL
THAT ENABLES RN TO KEEP REFERRING TO HONORABLE PEACE, EVEN AS
ONE S. VIET PUT IT, HONORABLE W/A SMALL "H."
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ZIEGLER CONCEDED THE SESSIONS " HAD GONE A LITTLE BEYOND" INITIAL EXPECTATIONS...MME. BINH, NOTING RUMORS OF A POSSIBLE SIGNING SAID "I AM SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU." SHE SAID SAIGON OHPOSED ANY AGREEMENT AND WAS PLANNING THE LIQUIDATION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS.. NVN SAID THERE CAN BE NO HEACE UNTIL GVN AGREES TO RELEASE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS, BUT IT DIDN'T RUTE OUT A US-NVN CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT...NVN'S VY SAID SAIGON'S "TENDENTIOUS DISTORTIONS AND ABSURD DEMANDS" FOR NVA W/DRAWAL HAVE "PUSHED THE NEGOTIATIONS NTO A DEADLOCK."

UPI SAYS ALTHO STATEMENTS AT THE WEEKLY MEETINGS DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT PROGRESS AT THE SECRET TALKS, THEY INDICATED NEITHER SAIGON NOR VC HAD RELENTED ON THEIR LONG-HELD POSITIONS.

ISHAM SAID MOST MAJOR PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED IN A MANNER REFLECTING "GOOD WILL AND SERIOUSNESS OF BOTH SIDES." AND THOSE THAT HAVEN'T BEEN RESOLVED "CONTINUE TO BE DEALT W/IN THE SAME FASHION AND W/THE SAME DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE A POSITIVE CONCLUSION "ASAP... ROGERS SAID US WILL ACHIEVE ITS BASIC AIM OF A FIRMLY BASED SETTLEMENT FOR ALL INDOCHINA. HE STRESSED US PURPOSES GO BEYOND MAKING TERMS W/NVN ONLY, MEANING A VN ACCORD COULD BE SECURE ONLY W/IN THE WIDER FRAMEWORK OF A GENERAL I-C SETTLEMENT.

KALB ON CBS AM SAID THERE WAS LITTLE QUESTION THAT AGREEMENT IS JUST ABOUT COMPLETED. HAK WON'T INITIAL IT BUT WILL RETURN TO DC TO GO OVER IT LINE-BY-LINE W/RN BEFORE TAKING IT TO THIEU TO TRY TO WIND ENDORSEMENT. IF THAT'S UNSUCCESSFUL, KALB SAID, RN MAY AGREE TO A SEPARATE PEACE. ASKED IF THIEU CAN AFFORD NOT TO GO ALONG, KALB SAID HAK'S GREATEST HOPE IS THIEU WILL COME ON BOARD, BUT YOU CAN'T RULE OUT FACT HE MIGHT NOT. THE "HOPEFUL" WASH. VIEW, HE ADDED, IS THAT THIEU IS PREPARING FOR A CEASE-FIRE. HE'S BLUSTERING BUT WILL [illegible]

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PEACE IN VN IN EARNEST AND THE WAR COULD HAVE ENDED 3 YEARS AGO IF THE DEMS HAD REMAINED IN OFFICE. "IF LBJ HAD BEEN RE-ELECTED OR IF HHH HAD WON THE '68 ELECTION, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN OUT IN '69," HE SAID. "THE N. VIETS GAVE STRONG INDICATIONS THEY WERE READY TO END THE WAR WHEN THEY TOOK 90 PER CENT OF THEIR TROOPS OUT. RN WANTED TO WIN THE WAR. IT'S QUITE CLEAR THAT THE WAR COULD NOT BE WON. "I NEVER BELIEVED IN VNIZATION."

CONTINGENCY PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO SEND UP TO 100 FS OFFICERS TO SVN FOR DIPLOMATIC DUTIES SHOULD A PEACE AGREEMENT BE REACHED, US OFFICIALS SAID, DESCRIBING THE POTENTIAL MOVE AS DESIGNED TO BEEF UP THE DIPLOMATIC STAFF IN VN AS IT UNDERGOES TRANSITION FROM WAR TO PEACE.

OTHER VN

NBC NOTE B52S MADE ONE OF MOST CONCENTRATED BOMBING ATTACKS ON NVN, BLASING A NVA TRUCK PORT... SOURCES FUSED TO SPECULATE IF TRUCK BUILDUP SIGNALED A NEW NVA OFFENSIVE.

ALL NETS NOTED THERE WERE NO GIS KIA IN VN LAST WEEK FOR 2 ND CONSECUTIVE WEEK--AND 4TH WEEK SINCE MID-SEPT, BUT 3 DIED FROM NON-HOSTILE CAUSES, 1 WAS MIA AND 7 WERE WOUNDED...336S. VIETS KIA. (CBS/NBC NOTE)

ISRAEL AGREED TO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS W/SVN, BUT REFUSED TO SAY WHERE AGREEMENT TOOK PLACE. AP FINDS NO REASON FOR THE CONFUSION OR ISRAELI SECRECY, BUT NOTES ISRAEL KEEPS SOME ROUTINE MOVES SECRET.

CBS AM CONTINUED ITS LOOKS INTO AMNESTY QUESTION W/FILMED INTERVIEW OF MARTIN KELLY, WHOS WAS KIA IN VN IN '68. AFTER FILM CLIP OF KELLY TESTIFYING BEFORE EMK'S HEARING, KELLY SAID HE WAS SURE PEOPLE WHO ARE ACTIVE IN THE PEACE--"A MISNOMER"--MOVEMENT WILL BEGIN MOUNTING AN AMNESTY CAMPAIGN, BUT IT IS HARD FOR THOSE FAMILIES WHO KNOW WHAT THE COST OF WAR IS NOT TO THINK OF THOSE WHO LEFT THE U.S. HE SUGGESTED "LENIENCY" MIGHT BE BETTER WORD INSTEAD OF "AMNESTY" BECAUSE AMNESTY IS TO ERASE OR PRETEND IT NEVER HAPPENED-- AND YOU CAN'T ASK FAMILIES OF THOSE KILLED TO WIPE AWAY MEMORIES. KELLY SAID HE COULD AGREE W/THOSE WHO SINCERELY FELT THEY HAD TO LEAVE US, BUT HE DOESN'T THINK EVERYONE WHO LEFT FOLLOWED HIS CONSCIENCE. HE SAID SOME FOUND THEIR CONSCIENCE ONLY WHEN THEY LOST THEIR STUDENT DEFERMENT. KELLY SAID IF HE COULD HAVE FORETOLD HIS SON'S DEATH, HE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE DRIVEN HIM TO CANADA. BUT SINCE HIS SON'S DEATH, HE CAN'T FORGET THAT SOME HAD TO PAY THE PRICE, CARRY THE BURDEN, MAKE THE SACRIFICES WHILE OTHERS DIDN'T. THE US HAS TO DECIDE WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT: WHETHER SOME MUST OBEY THE LAW, WHILE OTHERS CAN FLAUNT IT.

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NBC NOTED RN, IN LETTER READ BY ROGERS TO NATO, QUALIFIED US PROMISE TO KEEP ITS 300,000-MAN FORCE IN EUR, SAYING 1) OTHER NATO COUNTRIES MUST ALSO KEEP AND IMPROVE THEIR FORCES, AND 2) THAT US TROOPS MIGHT BE REDUCED AS PART OF AN OVER-ALL DEAL W/WARSAW BLOC.... AP SAYS ROGERS DELIVERED RN'S MESSAGE AS CLIMAX OF LONG ADDRESS IN WHICH HE SOUGHT TO CALM EUROPEANS FEARING SOME SORT OF US-USSR FRONT IS EVOLVING.

UPI PICK-UP OF POST INTERVIEW IN WHICH RUSH FORECAST EARLY US RECOGNITION OF E. GER. AFTER RATIFICATION OF THE E-W GER. TREATY. NOTING BONN'S AMB. RAULS PREDICTED US RECOGNITION WOULD COME AFTER BOTH GERMANIES ARE ADMITTED TO UN, UPI NOTES THAT WAS SAID AFTER RUSH'S INTERVIEW BUT BEFORE IT WAS PUBLISHED.

SOVIET JEWISH JOURNALIST PERELMAN WHO WAS OFFERED A VISA TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL AFTER A PHONE TALK W/HHH WILL HAVE TO PAY EDUCATIONAL TAX. HE REFUSED TO SPECULATE IF TALK W/HHH HAD INFLUENCED THE DECISION TO LET HIM LEAVE.

FORMER AMB. SCHAETZEL ON CBS AM SUGGESTED US-W. EUROPE RELATIONS ARE DETERIORATING BECAUSE NEITHER SIDE IS LISTENING TO THE OTHER. HE SAID RN-HAK HAVE BEEN PREOCCUPIED W/SETTING THINGS RIGHT W/"ENEMIES," WHICH LEAVES LITTLE TIME FOR ELLIES. ALSO US IS CAUGHT UP IN DOMESTIC CONCERNS. THIS IS ALSO TRUE W/EUROPE, HE ADDED, WHICH IS TRYING TO CREATE UNITY WHILE HAVING TO COPE W/INTERNAL PROBLEMS. THE MOST DANGEROUS POINT OF FRICTION, SAID SCHAETZEL, IS ECONOMICS, PARTLY BECAUSE OUR OWN PROBLEMS W/TRADE DEFICIT, ETC., HAVE MADE US SENSITIVE TO EXTE
AL ECONOMIC ISSUES. AT
THE SAME TIME EUROPE IS ALSO EXAMINING ECONOMIC ISSSES. SCHAETZEL SAID US HAS BENEFITTED FROM EEC, BUT IT HAS CAUSED CHANGES WHICH UPSET PEOPLE.

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ASKED WHY STATE DOESN'T TAKE A HAND IN FOREIGN POLICY IF RN AND HAK ARE TIED UP W/PRC USSR AND I-C, SCHAETZEL SAID STATE HASN'T AND WON'I. IT'S A DOCILE DEPT. AND HAS FALLEN INTO A "HELPLESS SPANIEL QUALITY," AND THE LEADERSHIP ISN'T INTERESTED IN PURSUING SUCH MATTERS. ASKED ABOUT HIS STATEMENT THAT HE DOESN'T THINK ADMIN. HAS ANY POLICY GUIDELINES, SCHAETZEL SAID THAT IF IT DOES, IT KEEPS IT A GOOD SECRET BENAUSE HE SAW NONE WHILE HE WAS AN AMB. OF THIS ADMIN.

TALMADGE SAID IF EEC EXPANDS ITS "DISCRIMINATORY" TRADE PRACTICES IT COULD LEAD SWIFTLY TO A BITTER INTERNATL. TRADE WAR "WHICH COULD MAKE THE CHICKEN WAR OF '62 LOOK LIKE A LOVE SPAT BETWEEN FRIENDS." HE SAID EEC IS IMPOSING "INTOLERABLE" RESTRAINTS ON IMHORTS OF US GRAINS, SOYBEANS, AND TOBACCO.

OTHER FOREIGN AFFAIRS

WESTERN POWERS REPORTEDLY WON E MAJOR CONCESSION FROM SPONSORS OF PROPOSED UN RESOLUTION DEALING W/MIDEAST. EGYPT AGREED TO DROP DEMANDS THAT ISRAELI FORCES QUIT "IMMEDIATELY AND UNCONDITIONALLY" OCCUPIED LANDS. US SOURCES SAID THE US WOULD VOTE "NO" ON RESOLUTION BECAUSE IT RAISES THREAT OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL AS A WEAPON TO IMPOSE A MIDEAST SETTLEMENT.

THE BRITISH WILL CONDUCT MASS SEARCHES OF CATHOLIC AREAS IN N. IRE. IN HOPES OF FINDING USSR ROCKETS BELIEVED OBTAINED FROM PALESTINE GUERRILLAS. AND BRITIAN HAS SOUGHT USSR HELP IN TRACKING THE SOURCE OF THOSE ROCKETS.

SEVAREID'S COMMENTARY, UNFORTUNATELY INTERRUPTED THRUOUT BY A-V DIFFICULTIES, APPEARED TO OBSERVER TO BE VERY POSITIVE ONE ON FOREIGN POLICY, TOUCHING ON EBM GERM. RECOGNITION, SALT, PRC AND CUBA. NOT ENOUGH WAS AUDIBLE FOR COHERENT DIGEST, THO.

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